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**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/591,927

Filed: June 12, 2000

For: ELECTRONIC  
AUTHENTICATION METHOD,  
ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION  
APPARATUS AND ELECTRONIC  
AUTHENTICATION STORAGE  
MEDIUM

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 19, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.